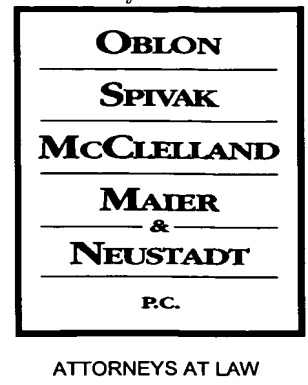




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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 6, 2006, Applicants elect with
traverse Group III, Claims 1-17, wherein Z is a deoxyribonucleoside or a ribonucleoside.

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